

gress, and he lambasted the rules of the House in a merciless manner.

He said he recently asked Congressmen why it was that the Speaker was such an autocrat, and why representatives sat like oysters until allowed to move by the Speaker. "It's awful, but it's true," replied the congressman, and then he explained the rules.

"I told him I never expected to go to Congress," said the Mayor, "but if I were there, I would break that rule or be dragged out dead."

"I would tell the chair I was the representative of the people of Virginia and I would be heard, or make trouble from Maine to Texas. La Follette said the other day he would like to be in the House, so he could put his district back on the map."

"I am a revolutionist, but I want to revolutionize backward, and that is why I am trying to take the people back to fundamental principles."

Back to Religion.
Coming back to religion as the foundation and basis of all government, the speaker said:

"Religion not only prepares man for eternity, but when a nation departs from religious ideals, it is on the broad road to ruin."

"I tell you, people are not reliable unless their morals are straight. Civilization and government cannot exist without moral law. The abandonment of moral law means the decay of the human race. You may deceive your eyes for a time, and flourish like a green bay tree, but the end is as certain as God lives. Religion, after all, is the only basis and inspiration for the obedience to law."

The Mayor said Mr. Carnegie, on his recent visit here, had expressed a desire to see the country advance along intelligent lines, but that all the wealth of all the people would be useless unless expended to accomplish higher things.

Would Bar Them Out.
The Mayor discussed the Pettit amendment to the Constitution, keeping corporations out of legislatures, at some length, and declared dramatically:

"No man has any right to represent anything on God's earth in legislative bodies save the people, and if he is false to his trust, he deserves to be degraded. The meanest thing he can possibly represent there is himself." (Great applause.)

"If he is not man enough to serve the people faithfully, he is a coward and a traitor."

"Councilmen ought to possess intelligence, information and ability, and all these are seldom found in them."

"We are about to have a primary here, and, without referring to any one in particular, I say to you that the time has come when the people should demand men of intelligence and information. If a man shows indifference to the moral code, he is unfit to represent the people anywhere."

"If he will be profane, indecent and immoral in his private life, I warn you not to trust him."

"If the head of any city department makes a mistake, you know who to hold responsible, but there is a general slab-sided looseness in the Council, resulting from the ignorance and incompetency of members that you can't put your hand on the spot, if it happens there."

May Guess Result.
"Suppose some of the things done by City Councils could be tried in the courts, what do you think would be the result?" asked the Mayor, and great laughter.

He said some people seemed to think there was much disagreement between himself and the Council, but he showed that, out of eighteen votes sent in, fifteen had been sustained.

Under the head of "Lawlessness," the Mayor fairly scorched lawyers in Council, who help to make laws, and then seek to get them evaded in the courts. His language was direct and severe, and his manner reminded one of his father.

"The man who sits in the Council and helps to make laws," he said, savagely, "and goes into any court and seeks to get them evaded is a dirty traitor."

The lawyer who defends criminals and accepts stolen goods as fees is no better than the thief himself.

"There are some lawyers here who live on stolen goods, and they deserve to be disgraced in the public eye."

The Mayor severely arraigned corporation attorneys representing private interests in legislative bodies, and declared that the time would come when the people would say "you must step down and out."

The speaker emphasized the value of frankness, and said dramatically:

"Just think of stupid, half-drunk, ignorant men sitting in your Councils to give away these valuable things!"

The Mayor spoke for nearly two hours, and was often applauded.

MASSACHUSETTS NEGROES AGAINST THE EXPOSITION

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 15.—Rev. W. H. Scott, of Woburn, Mass., called on the members of the House Committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions to-day on behalf of the Massachusetts anti-league, protested against the appropriation of money for the Jamestown Exposition, unless assurances are given that negroes will not be discriminated against while visiting the exposition.

Representative Gardner said that he opposed giving the exposition any more money than is absolutely necessary to entertain foreign guests who have been invited, and referred the protest to Representative Maynard, of Virginia. Mr. Maynard declared it to be the purpose of the exposition to give consideration to negroes visiting Jamestown.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS TO STAND BY STATEHOOD BILL

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The House and ask the Senate for a conference on the measure. This vote followed immediately after a resolution offered by Mr. Mondell, of Wyoming, representing the insurgents, had been defeated, 123 to 43, the Mondell resolution being to agree to the Senate amendment eliminating Arizona from New Mexico from the bill and asking a conference on the minor amendments in the measure.

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The most natural answer is: Look at our windows! Come in and examine our suits; but if you really want to read a few lines on the subject, here they are:

Double-breasted Suits are very popular for business, cut very long, a vent at waist, wide lapels, slightly fitted in the back.

\$10 to \$30.
Walking Suits, \$18 to \$30.
The new Prince Albert Coats are in, too—\$20 to \$30 for Coats and Vests.

Fine as silk—the new Dunlap high hat.
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